## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE: COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT CASES WITH DOE DEFENDANTS

CASES WITH DOE DEFENDANTS : RELATED TO CIVIL ACTION :

NUMBER 04-1239

CIVIL ACTION

NO.

## **STANDING ORDER**

AND NOW, this 21st day of January, 2005, for the purposes of consistency and in congruence with the Court's October 13, 2004 Order granting Plaintiffs Motion for Leave to Take Immediate Discovery in Elektra Entertainment Group, Inc. v. Does 1-6, No. Civ.A.04-1241, [Doc. #14], as amended by Order dated October 25, 2004 [Doc. #15], the Court issues the following Standing Order to apply to all current and future copyright infringement actions having "Doe" defendants filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania that are related to Civil Action Numbers 04-1239 and 04-1241 and that have been or will be assigned for pre-trial administrative purposes to the undersigned. It is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

- Plaintiffs may take immediate discovery on each respective Doe Defendant's
   Internet Service Provider ("ISP") to obtain the identity of the Doe Defendant by serving a Rule 45 subpoena that seeks information sufficient to identify the Doe Defendant, including name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and Media Access Control addresses for each Defendant.
- 2. Plaintiffs may use the information obtained by this Rule 45 subpoena solely for the purpose of protecting Plaintiffs' rights under the Copyright Act.
- 3. Plaintiffs shall attach the Court Directed Notice Regarding Issuance of Subpoena, a copy of which is attached to this Order, to the aforementioned Rule 45 subpoena.

The Rule 45 subpoena shall instruct the ISP to distribute a copy of said notice to

each Doe Defendant within seven days of service of the subpoena.

4. With respect to cable ISPs, this ruling further authorizes disclosure of information

pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 551(c)(2)(B).

5. Any future notices to any Defendant in these cases must be pre-approved by the

Court.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court shall place this Standing Order on the dockets of all current and future copyright infringement actions having "Doe" defendants filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania that have been or will be assigned for pre-trial administrative purposes to the undersigned.

It is so **ORDERED**.

**BY THE COURT:** 

/s/ Cynthia M. Rufe

CYNTHIA M. RUFE, J.